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	First Named Inventor	Hartshorn et al.
	Group Art Unit	1751
	Examiner Name	C. Boyer
	Attorney Docket Number	CM1913
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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SERIAL NO.: 09/787,454 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1751
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FOR: Solid Detergent Compositions :

P&G CASE: CM1913F :

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE
ACTION SUMMARY DATED APRIL 3, 2002**

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REMARKS

This is a Request for Continued Examination which includes Applicants' response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated April 3, 2002. As a matter of review, Claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1 - 9 remain in the instant application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

The Examiner rejects Claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. With regard to Claim 1 the Examiner asserts that *the term "components" is used by the claim to mean "separate regions or a mixture of compositions containing different components" while the accepted meaning is a "constituent part"*. The Examiner also asserts that *"applicants' invention appears to be a mixture of compositions containing different components"*.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position. The components of the present invention are a constituent part of a single detergent composition. Referring to page 4, lines 5 - 6, the detergent composition of the instant invention comprises at least two components which comprise an anionic surfactant or an aluminosilicate or a mixture thereof. Referring to page 4, lines 12 - 15 and page 5, lines 1 - 5 of the instant application, the components of the detergent